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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Bartholoma et al.

Our File: SMB-PT110
(PC 03 260 M US)

Application No.: 10/502,215

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For: TERMINAL CONNECTION COMPRISING
A THREADED SLEEVE, A COUNTER-SLEEVE
AND A TERMINAL INSERT

Group: 3679

Examiner: Aaron M. Dunwoody

REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.312

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This Reply is being filed in response to the September 19, 2006 Response to 312 Communication in which entry of the September 13, 2006 312 Amendment was denied.

This was discussed in a telephone interview with the Examiner on September 25 and October 17, 2006 and with Supervisory Examiner Daniel P. Stodola on October 3, 12 , 18 and 19, 2006. Applicants submit that the 312 amendment to the drawings to show the prior art terminal insert referred to in the Background of the application along with the corresponding amendment to the specification should be entered as merely illustrating an element that was referenced as shown in the prior art.

Please amend the application as follows: